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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DOCKET NO. D-014-89

In the Matter of the Suspension)	
or Revocation of the License of	Administrative Action
)
JOSEPH P. MATRISS, D.D.S.	DECISION AND ORDER
)
To Practice Dentistry in the	
State of New Jersey)

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry upon the filing of a Notice of Motion for Enforcement of Litigant's Rights and Suspension of License by Robert J. Del Tufo, Attorney General of New Jersey, by Kathy Rohr, Deputy Attorney General. In support of the Motion was attached the certification of William Gutman, Executive Director of the Board, which stated that the respondent failed to comply with the terms and conditions of a Consent Order filed on April 26, 1990, in that he had failed to make timely payments of a civil penalty which the Order imposed, and the respondent further failed to comply with the Order in that he did not submit to the Board a plan for forty (40) hours of continuing education in crown and bridge dentistry as required.

On November 7, 1990, the return date of the Motion, Deputy Attorney General Kathy Rohr, advised the Board that she had been advised by Joseph Guez, Esq., counsel for the respondent, that Dr. Matriss would submit the civil penalty immediately and that he also would submit a list of continuing education courses. He requested that this matter be adjourned so that he would have an

opportunity to fulfill these requirements. The Board granted that request and the matter was subsequently relisted for consideration at the Board meeting of January 2, 1991.

In the interim, counsel for the respondent submitted the full amount of the civil penalty as assessed and also submitted a Continuing Dental Education Catalog from UMDNJ requesting approval for courses as indicated in the catalog. Upon review, it was determined that only one of the courses for which approval was requested was in the area of crown and bridge dentistry. Accordingly, all other courses were disapproved.

The respondent was advised that only one course had been approved and that a new list of courses must be submitted to the Board and approved prior to January 2, 1991. On that date, the Board considered this matter and no further list had been submitted by Dr. Matrisss.

Accordingly, the Board finds that the respondent has failed to comply with a substantive term of a Consent Order which was filed with the Board on April 26, 1990, in that he failed to submit a list of proposed courses to the Board within thirty (30) days of the entry date of the Order. Further, it is to be noted that the continuing education courses were to be completed within six (6) months of the entry date of the Order. As of January 2, 1991, the respondent has failed to submit a list of proposed courses which meet the approval of the Board or to complete any continuing education courses.

In view of the fact that the respondent has willfully and flagrantly failed to comply with the requirements of a Consent

Order and has presented no mitigating factors to this Board and for good cause shown,

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 1991,

HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The respondent shall be granted an additional grace period in order to submit a list of courses in continuing education in crown and bridge dentistry to be reviewed and fully approved by the Board. The deadline for this grace period is January 15, 1991.

2. In the event the respondent fails to submit a fully approved list of such courses to the Board by January 15, 1991, his license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey shall automatically be suspended effective on that date. The respondent's license shall remain suspended until such time as he makes application to the Board for reinstatement supported by a list of proposed courses in continuing education in crown and bridge dentistry which meets the Board's approval.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: _____

Samuel E. Furman, D.D.S.
President